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Rumanian Party Delegation Attending Budapest Meeting?

[redacted] a Rumanian party delegation planned to attend the second session of the committee preparing for the world communist conclave which opened in Budapest on 18 June.

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[redacted] the committee is considering three documents to be presented to the Moscow conference on 25 November. One of these documents reportedly contains a general analysis of the world situation and the international Communist movement, while the other two are appeals for solidarity with the Vietnamese people and peace in the world.

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The presence of a Rumanian delegation at Budapest II is unconfirmed. If the Rumanians are in Budapest at all, they may be there in the role of observers rather than active participants.

Rumanian attendance at the meeting would be mildly surprising in view of their walkout from the consultative meeting on 29 February and their absence from the April preparatory session. Rumanian spokesmen have privately said that Bucharest is willing to send representatives to multi-lateral party meetings if no attacks on certain parties' policies are launched. The implication of this position is that the Rumanians will again feel free to walk out of any interparty meeting at which such attacks are made.

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Polish Premier Postpones Swedish Visit

Premier Cyrankiewicz has postponed until further notice his scheduled 26-28 June official visit to Sweden. According to a Swedish Foreign Ministry spokesman, the reason for the Polish action was Swedish Foreign Minister Nilsson's speech last week in which he criticized the victimization of Jews in Poland. In Warsaw, a Polish Foreign Ministry spokesman confirmed the postponement, but declined to comment on the reasons for it.

Cyrankiewicz's trip was to have followed his visit to Denmark earlier this month, and probably had the same purpose of a general review of European security developments and bilateral trade. Given the Polish regime's sensitivity to the

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"international Zionist conspiracy to blacken Poland's name," Nilsson's speech last week to the Social Democratic party conference could well be the reason for Polish pique. The postponement, however, could also be an indication that the long-awaited Polish party plenum may be held next week, or that Cyrankiewicz is needed in Warsaw to prepare for it.

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US Closes Its Poznan Exhibit

On 19 June the US closed "until further notice" its pavilion at the Poznan International Trade Fair, having failed through repeated protests since 14 June to obtain the removal of a North Korean propaganda display of the Pueblo incident.

Throughout the four days of US contacts with the fair management, the Foreign Trade and the Foreign Ministry, the Poles have acknowledged the "correctness" of the US protests, cited past Polish problems with the North Koreans over similar issues, and even called the North Korean ambassador to the Foreign Ministry on Sunday, 16 June, in an effort to have the offensive display removed. The matter, however, has been referred to Pyongyang, and no answer had been received as of 19 June.

After the US closed its exhibit, Polish acting Foreign Minister Winiewicz called in the US chargé, stressed that he had taken "personal interest in this unfortunate situation," and "appealed" to the US not to take precipitous action which could "seriously disturb" Polish-US relations, especially trade relations which, he said, the Poles "value highly."

The US Embassy now recommends keeping the US exhibit closed in this "temporary" manner to see what happens. The Poznan Fair closes on 23 June.

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Yugoslav Defense Minister to Visit Austria

Defense Minister Nikola Ljubicic will pay an official visit to Austria during 24-30 June. Although Yugoslav-Austrian relations are good and Tito visited there in early 1967, this is the first Yugoslav military delegation to Vienna in many years. Ljubicic's trip, which was planned months ago, will help balance his recent 10-day stay in East Germany.

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Nasir to Visit Yugoslavia

Egyptian President Nasir will visit Yugoslavia around 6 July, according to Radio Zagreb. Besides discussing the Middle East situation with Tito, Nasir probably will talk about the nonaligned conference which the Yugoslav leader is planning for next year and which the Egyptians support.

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